
The First-Order Logic of Hyperproperties

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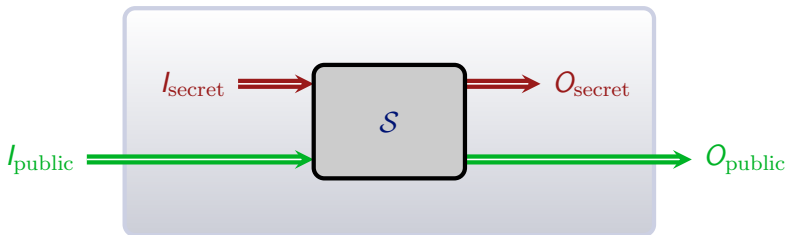
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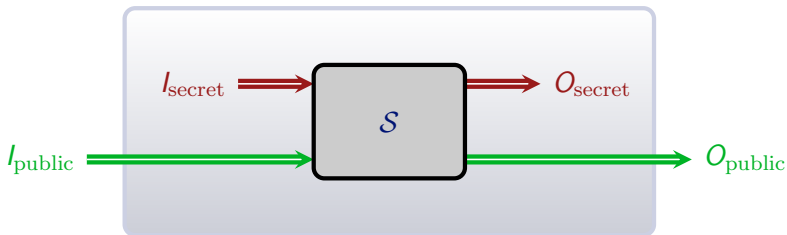
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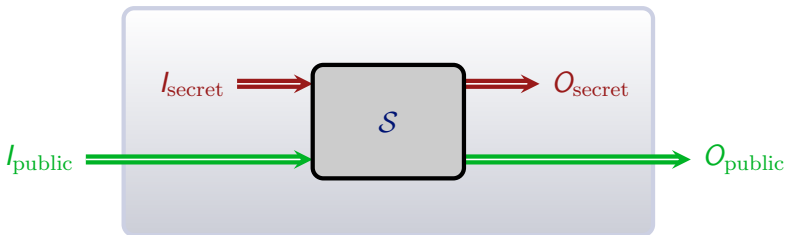


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Specification languages for hyperproperties [Clarkson et al. '14]

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HyperCTL*: Extend CTL* by trace quantifiers.

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Shortcuts as usual:

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Only partial results for HyperLTL.

3a. HyperLTL satisfiability **[F. & Hahn '16]**:

- alternation-free: PSPACE -complete
- $\exists^* \forall^*$: EXPSpace -complete
- $\forall^* \exists^*$: undecidable

3b. HyperLTL model-checking is decidable **[F. et al. '15]**.

The Models of HyperLTL

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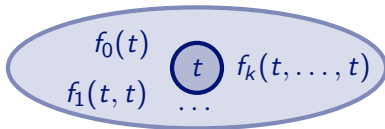
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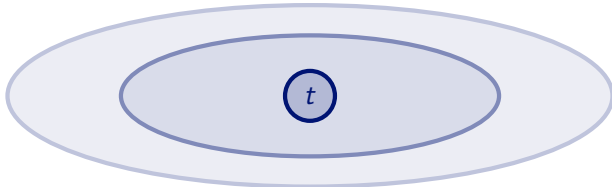
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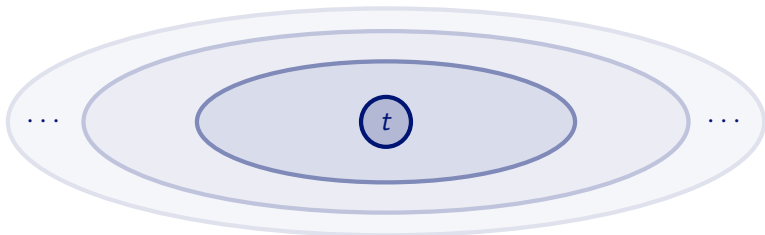
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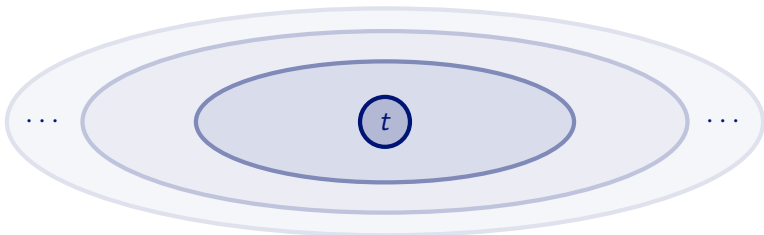
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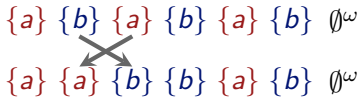
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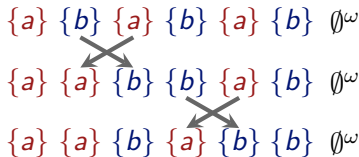
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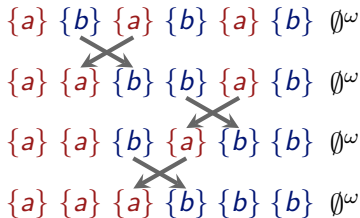
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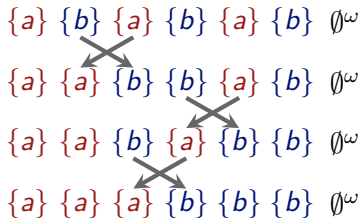
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One can even encode the prime numbers in HyperLTL!

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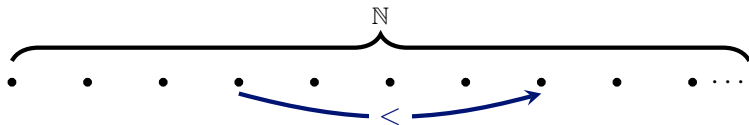
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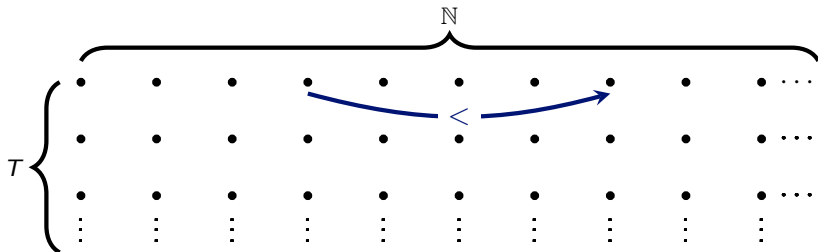
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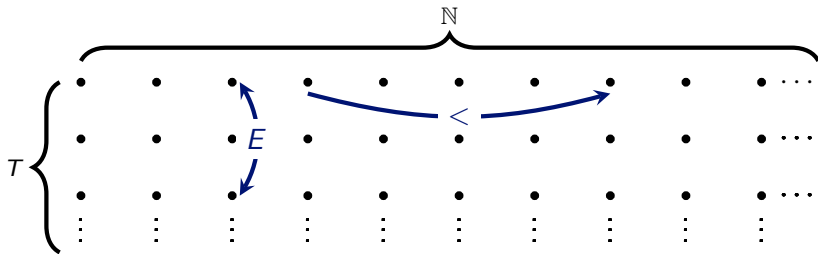
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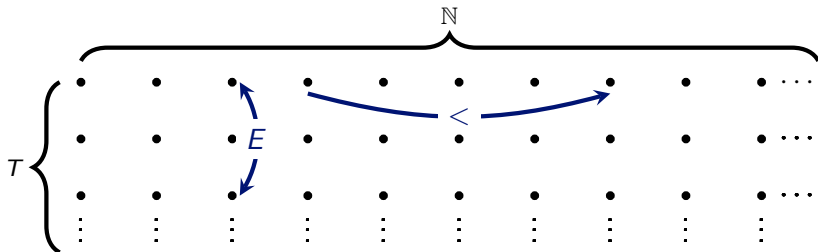
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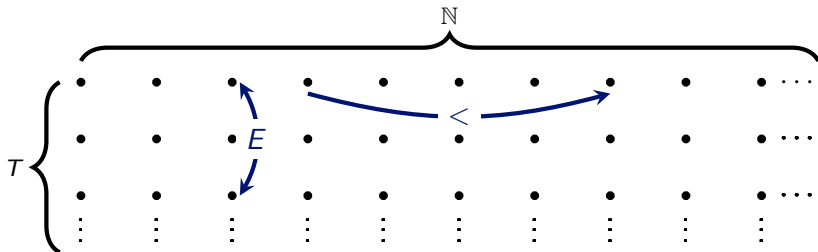


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Proposition

For every HyperLTL sentence there is an equivalent $\text{FO}[<, E]$ sentence.

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- But, φ is easily expressible in $\text{FO}[\langle, E]$:

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Corollary

$\text{FO}[\langle, E]$ strictly subsumes HyperLTL.

HyperFO

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- $Q \in \{\exists, \forall\}$,
- $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$ and $\{y_1, \dots, y_\ell\}$ are disjoint,
- every guard x_{g_j} is in $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$, and
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Equivalence

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- From HyperLTL to HyperFO: structural induction.
- From HyperFO to HyperLTL: reduction to Kamp's theorem.

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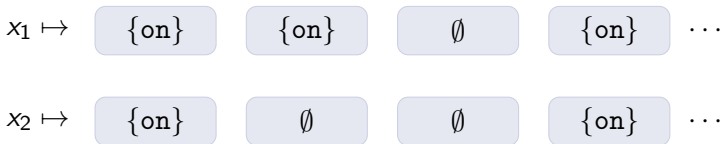
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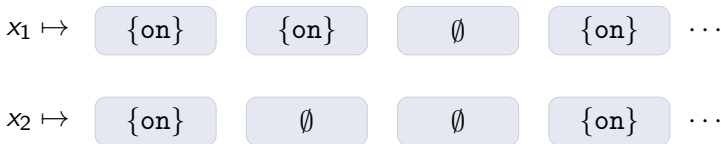
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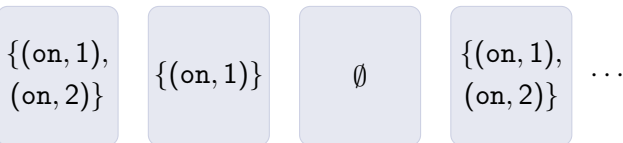


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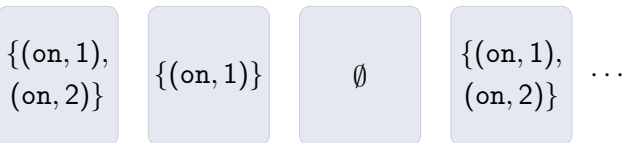
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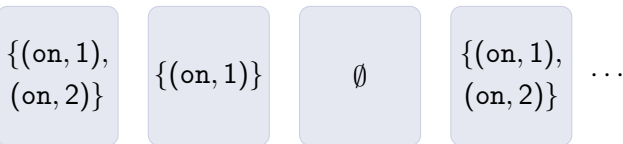
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Open Problems

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- Is there a temporal logic that is expressively equivalent to $\text{FO}[\langle, E]$?
- What about HyperCTL*?